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New York District

Food & Drug Administration  
158-15 Liberty Avenue  
Jamaica, NY 11433

**WARNING LETTER**

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

November 30, 2000

Rakesh Gangwal, President and CEO  
US Airways Group, Inc.  
2345 Crystal Drive  
Arlington, VA 22227

Ref: NYK-2001-25

Dear Mr. Gangwal:

During a November 1, 2000 inspection of the US Airways Express airline catering operations located at Long Island MacArthur Airport in Ronkonkoma, New York, our investigator observed violations of the U.S. Public Health Service Act and its implementing regulations for the Control of Communicable Diseases and Interstate Conveyance Sanitation (Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 1240 and 1250).

At the conclusion of the inspection, the investigator presented the Inspectional Observations (Form FDA 483) and Food Service Establishment Inspection Report (Form FDA 2420) (copies enclosed) to Al Myer, Station Manager and discussed the findings with him. The observed deficiencies include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. There is no three-compartment sink for manual washing, rinsing and sanitizing of utensils and equipment in the coffee preparation area.
2. Equipment and utensils are not thoroughly washed in a hot detergent solution and sanitized.
3. There is no separate handwashing sink in the coffee preparation area. Employees wash their hands in the single compartment sink used for washing equipment and utensils.
4. Employees in the coffee preparation area do not use hair restraints to prevent the contamination of food and food-contact surfaces.

This letter is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of deficiencies that may exist. As a result of these inspectional findings, a "Provisional" classification has been assigned for a 30 day period at which time a reinspection will be conducted. If significant improvements have not been made at that time, a "Not Approved" classification will be justified.

You should take prompt action to correct the deficiencies. It is your responsibility to ensure that all requirements of the U.S. Public Health Service Act and its implementing regulations are being met. You should notify this office in writing, within 15 working days of receipt of this letter, of the specific steps you have taken to correct each of the noted violations.

Your response should be sent to the Food and Drug Administration, 158-15 Liberty Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11433, Attn: Bruce A. Goldwitz, Compliance Officer. If you have any questions, you can call Mr. Goldwitz at 718/340-7000 ext. 5582.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Thomas", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Edward W. Thomas  
Acting District Director

Enclosures: Forms FDA 483 and FDA 2420 dated November 1, 2000